



# County of San Diego

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## CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

#### Members Present

Campbell, Tom – City of Solana Beach  
Cerny, Barbara – Torrey Pines Comm. Plng. Group  
Hickerson, Tom – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.  
Houlihan, Maggie – City of Encinitas  
Marquardt, Larry – Member-at-Large  
Zovanyi, Peter – Member-at-Large

#### County Staff Present

Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Pate, R.N., Rebecca  
Yaghmaee, Saman

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Hilliard, Carl – City of Del Mar

#### Guests Present

Abelman, Dismas – Cities of Del Mar/Solana Beach  
Davidson, Bret – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.  
Gilligan, Matt – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.  
Muir, Chief Mark – Encinitas Fire  
Murphy, Mary – CSA-17  
Olejnik, Loree – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Pavone, Chief Nick – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.  
Tanner, John – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.  
Twohy, Frank – Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire

## I. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Hickerson, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 5, 2008

Maggie Houlihan, City of Encinitas, stated that the following items need to be noted for the minutes: 1) the tax rate areas being a critical issue was discussed in the CSA-107 status report; 2) the meeting held with Bruce Haynes, M.D., County EMS Medical Director, and Chief Mark Muir, City of Encinitas was also attended by Ms. Houlihan representing CSA-17 as the Chair; and 3) some of the areas of Elfin Forest are covered by both CSA-17 and CSA-107 so it's an area where some things are covered by one CSA and some by the other, and maybe should be included in a little more detail.

With the above-mentioned corrections and suggestions, MOTION made by Ms.

**Houlihan, Seconded by Peter Zovanyi to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2008 as amended. MOTION carried.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

**IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT**

**A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)**

Mr. Yaghmaee distributed a handout representing the amounts of expenditures and revenues for the past five fiscal years in CSA-17. The graphs included time frames from July 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 in the following categories; total revenues, revenue from benefit fee and others; revenue from tax collection and revenue from interest. Also attached was a fund balance report for four years from July 1, 2004 through July 1, 2007.

The Expenditure and Revenue by Object and Account report for two years dated April, 2007 and April, 2008, was mailed out ahead of time to members.

One Advisory Board member expressed concern regarding expenditures increasing over time due to operational costs, particularly if it's going to be a continuing trend. Mr. Yaghmaee added that the projection is for an additional \$600,000 in 2007-08 from benefit fees, however, some reserves may still need to be used.

**B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief)**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Steven Tharratt, M.D., as the new State Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). Dr. Tharratt has served at UC Davis Medical Center as Professor of Medicine and Anesthesiology and Vice-Chief in the Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine. Additionally, he has served as the Medical Director for Sacramento County EMS and the Sacramento County and City Fire Departments since 1995. He has also served as the Associate Regional Medical Director for the California Poison Control System since 1989. From 2000-2004 he was the Medical Science Advisor to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Chief Medical Consultant for California EMSA.

**C. Paramedic Provider Report (Wayne Johnson, S.D. Medical Services Enterprise)**

Mr. Johnson distributed the March, 2008 Contract Compliance Report (January and February, 2008 were distributed by mail in the packets prior to the meeting). Compliance remains above 90% in all categories except for Elfin Forest.

On May 1, 2008, Unit 2391 was moved to Encinitas Fire Station. MDC's (Mobile Data Computers) are not operational yet, with agreements currently being reviewed by attorneys. All the pre-work plumbing has been completed.

It was requested that Lorelee Olejnik, SDMSE Education Coordinator, talk to North

Coastal Health Services Women's and Children's Facility on Second Street in Encinitas to promote blood pressure screening for the elderly and over weight.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) was discussed. New building construction will now be required to include AED's.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

(Marcy Metz, R.N.): EMS has marked its one year anniversary of the Cardiac Receiving Centers program called STEMI. The door-to-balloon times for patients suffering heart attacks has been reduced by one-half to 62 minutes. This is a concerted effort on behalf of prehospital personnel and cardiologists.

Hospital offload delays continue to be monitored and reports are provided by the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties and other prehospital providers as well. Delays are experienced in overwhelmed emergency rooms where patient care being turned over from prehospital personnel to the emergency room staff is delayed when no beds are available. The ambulance personnel are delayed in returning to service and being ready to answer 9-1-1 calls. Unfortunately, offload delays are a nationwide issue in major cities. San Diego County has lost several hospitals in the past few years while population projections for the County estimate a population increase of over a million people by 2030.

Peter Zovanyi, Member-at-Large, distributed a handout titled "San Diego Area General Acute Care Hospitals" for staff's review. **ACTION: County EMS staff will review and report back their observations at the next CSA-17 Advisory Board meeting of Tuesday, August 5, 2008.**

V. **PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR CSA-17** (Rebecca Pate, R.N.)

The following are highlighted comments from Ms. Pate's presentation:

- CSA-17 encompasses approximately 100 square miles with 105,000 people residing in the area.
- CSA-17 was formed in 1969 by the County Board of Supervisors to provide ambulance service to the cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe along with later additions.
- Was initially established in 1969 to provide basic life support services (BLS).
- Was updated to include advanced life support (ALS) care in 1975.
- The Advisory Committee is comprised of members from the Cities of Encinitas, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, Torrey Pines Community Planning Group and two Members-at-Large selected by the five members.
- The Advisory Board meets quarterly and the Operations Chiefs meet monthly with County staff.
- Four fire agencies provide ALS first response: Encinitas Fire, Rancho Santa Fe Fire, Solana Beach Fire and Del Mar Fire.
- CSA-17 has EMS Mutual Aid with the cities/communities of Carlsbad, Vista, San Marcos, San Diego, Escondido and Elfin Forest.

**ACTION: It was requested that the following items be included in the annual report:**

- Decisions made by CSA-17.
- The issue of 4-S Ranch and why CSA-17 wasn't collecting revenue from that area.
- The selection process for picking the emergency medical services provider for the area.
- The new CSA-17 First Responder Coordinator position.
- The issue with the Carlsbad billing incident.
- Concerns expressed about offload and traffic issues.
- The stationing of the 24-hour and 12-hour ambulances.
- Dr. Bruce Haynes became involved with CSA-17 in the last year.
- A new attendance policy was implemented for CSA-17 members.

**VI. UPDATE RE: CSA-107 BEING ANNEXED INTO CSA-17**

Frank Twohy, Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire reported that nothing had moved forward on this issue since the last meeting. Megan Jones from the County's Land Use and Environmental Group contacted Mr. Twohy and had hoped to go before the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2008 to get the community facilities district approved; however, the funding hadn't been changed. Unfortunately, no one from her department has attended any of the CSA-17 meetings. Mr. Twohy expressed concerns in a phone conversation with Ms. Jones later that the CSA-17 did have financial arrangement concerns and no way a newer project should go forward without this being resolved first.

**ACTION: Ms. Houlihan requested to have an update on all the contract provisions for the next CSA-17 meeting of August 5, 2008. Chief Mark Muir offered to provide that information.**

**VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Solana Beach City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary  
County EMS